

fallen back. A lot of the schools have dropped a lot of that. So there's where some money is going to come along.

SENATOR BYARS: I think alternative education can take all sorts of forms. I don't think it can be confined or relegated to any particular type of education. It becomes a personalized curricula for the student. And it may ..it may mean some alternative vocational training. That might not necessarily take place in the school system. If it is...it is determined by the counselors, by instructors that possibly this student may be placed in an on-the-job training type situation. As you have actually worked, I know,...

SENATOR CROSBY: Okay.

SENATOR BYARS: ...with our...our Future Business Leaders and our students in the schools who have done on-the-job training with retail merchants, with manufacturers, I can see all sorts of alternatives that don't necessarily have to be expensive.

SENATOR CROSBY: Oh, it's not...they're not going to go into a room and string beads.

SENATOR BYARS: Correct.

SENATOR CROSBY: Okay, thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Crosby. Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. Senator Byars, I'm not going to ask you a question, but I hope you don't run off too far because I hope you may provide me with some answers on your time. There are very few advantages to being an old man. But one of them is that I was a sophomore in high school when we made the change from eighth grade to sixteen, and I saw several people who, because of their parents, and these were farm kids who go through eighth grade and eight were good enough, and that was it. As a matter of fact, I remember one that got to start the freshman year until fall harvest came and he had to go...go to work. But anyway, I saw these young people come back in to the system, weren't many, only a couple, because remember these were in the days when the high school diploma had a great amount of meaning to many of the parents because many of the parents had only went through eight grades of education. So this was an accelerated education, if